



Glanville Crawford Martyn was born on 21 November 1893 in Tilba Tilba, NSW. After only ten lessons as a child, he taught himself first the piano, then the pipe organ and later the piano accordion. He was an accomplished musician and played regularly for local dances in the Fairfield area of Sydney.

In the late 1950s, David John Cumming operated a recording business, Wonder Records, from his home at 6 Yarrara Rd, Pymble. He recorded people in their homes and cut acetate $33\frac{1}{3}$ discs for them. David recorded Glan on 18 July 1957 and made several discs for family members. Five months later, on 27 December 1957, Glan died.

Over the years, the discs wore or broke. By chance, in 1997, Glan's daughter, Shirley Stevens, met Rohan Walker, a sound librarian at the ABC, who offered to clean up the recording. Shirley's son, Matthew, went looking for the original tape. He tracked down Wonder Records through the Sydney telephone directory for 1958, Ku-Ring-Gai Council's rate records, and the 1958 electoral roll, but a search through the 1998 roll failed to locate David Cumming.

So Rohan recorded the music onto computer, used a program called Triple DAT to remove the noise, and then recorded it onto CD. Glan Martyn's descendants are grateful to Rohan for this help.

Copies of the recording have been lodged with the ABC and the National Film and Sound Archive.

[1] This Nearly Was Mine, Just One of Those Things, Ramona, Deep in My Heart, Has Anybody Seen My Girl?, Londonderry Air, Tiger Rag

[2] Wonderful One, Blue Moon, At Dawning, Moonlight Sonata

[3][4] Original recording without noise reduction

Glan Martyn at the Piano

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